Conversion of Jaunpur-Aurihar Rail Line

2834. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to cover the rail track from Jaunpur to Aurihar into broad gauge;

(b) if so, when the work is likely to begin and completed;

(c) whether more land along the track, particularly near Gangoli halt, would be acquired for the purpose; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Inter-City Trains

2835. SHRI MAN MOHAN SAMAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more inter-city trains are required to promote economic, educational and cultural Transactions among various neighbouring States;

(b) if so, the measures taken so far in this direction;

(c) whether Government have any plan to introduce inter-city trains from Bhubaneswar to Ranchi, Hyderabad and Kolkata and from Sambalpur to Raipur in the near future; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) and (b) Trains are introduced based on passengers demand for travel from one place to another. These do help in economic, educational and cultural transactions among people of various places, but these are not the sole motives for introduction of trains on Indian Railways.

(c) and (d) 6357/6358 Howrah-Nagercoil weekly Express has been